

EPA Asbestos Action Plan

- Overview: 3 key objectives
 - Improving the state of the science for asbestos (research agenda)
 - Identifying & addressing exposure and risk reduction opportunities associated with products, schools & buildings
 - Federal consumer education campaign: update outreach materials
 - Pursue compliance assistance, market analysis, partnerships & possible regulatory options
 - Reducing asbestos exposures through cleanup of contaminated sites



Some of the Activities EPA Plans to Pursue Include:

- 1) defining categories of asbestos and asbestos-like fibers to be addressed in risk assessments;
- 2) evaluating existing measurement procedures for asbestos and other fibers (and developing new methods if necessary);
- 3) assessing the toxicity, exposure and risk assessment for cancer and non-cancer effects associated with asbestos as documented in the Agency's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); and
- 4) assessing options to reduce or mitigate exposures.



Improving the State of the Science for Asbestos

- To ensure that the Agency's actions are based on the most up-to-date scientific information, EPA is developing a comprehensive Asbestos Research Plan.
- As EPA's understanding of asbestos improves, the Agency will use this information to enhance its efforts to prevent or reduce asbestos-related risks.

